(c) what is the response of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The problem of misleading advertisements was discussed in a meeting held between Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution and Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is of the view that the present Code for Commercial Advertisements is sufficiently stringent. Further, they felt that the setting up of Censor Board like mechanism was not a permanent solution. It was observed that the most effective course of action would be to generate awareness amongst the consumers to voice their complaints before the appropriate bodies.

Sale of sugar through Kendriya Bhandars and Super Bazars

7322. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation has launched a scheme to supply sugar to consumers through outlets such as Kendriya Bhandars, Super Bazars and NAFED;

(b) if so, whether any rate has been fixed for selling sugar through these centres;

(c) if so, whether this procedure will be followed in almost all the States:

(d) if so, whether the Corporation has decided to cover more and more areas and consider even to arrange supplies to private retail shops at reasonable prices; and

(e) if so, to what extent the Scheme has helped in providing sugar on demand and also in checking the sugar prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The retail outlets have to sell the sugar to the Consumer @ Rs. 14.50 per kg.

(c) and (d) Indian Sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation Ltd., has reported that this scheme is also being operated in Bombay and the Corporation has offered sugar to some other States for similar purpose.

(e) The scheme has recently started and it is expected to help the consumers.

Misuse of staff by CIL Executives

7323. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Executives from I.P.S. Cadre, posted on deputation to P.S.Us. like Coal India Limited are entitled for posting of Company's employees at their residence for domestic purposes like, cooking meals/utilisation in kitchen, maintenance of uniform/ shoes looking after the comforts of family members etc.; and

(b) whether such officers on deputation have the powers to engage/ appoint casual workmen on their own and arrange for their payment

from the Government exchequer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Perks and privileges of Executives Director (Vig.) in Coal India Limited

7324. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Executive Director (Vig.) posted in Coal India Limited and other subsidiary units are not entitled to those perks and privileges which they enjoy in their parent cadre;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Executive Director (Vig.) Coal India Limited, because of his position, has recruited casual employees and sbuequently made them permanent and they are being paid from the funds of Coal India Limited; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take against Coal India Limited and the Executive Director for making payments of the salary and allowances to these persons recruited by the Executive Director (Vig.) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

News item regarding C.I.L. vigilance

7325. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the News item published in the "Times of India" Patna Edition, of 26th February. 1994 under the caption "Does C.I.L. Vigilance need vigil";

(b) if so, what remedial measures have been taken or are proposed to be taken by his Ministry so far;

(c) whether such officers on deputation to P.S.Us are liable to make payment of house rent or not;

(d) if so, whether the I.Gs Executive Directors (Vigilance) posted in Coal India (Headquarter) have been paying the house rent from the date of occupation of the company's house allotted to them: and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) Yes. Sir. The Government's attention has been drawn to the News item published in the "Times of India" Patna Edition of 26th February, 1994 under the Caption "Does CIL Vigilance need vigil".

(b) The allegations levelled therein are being examined by the Government.

(c) and (d) Officers on deputation to PSUs are liable to make payment of House rent. Licence fee/House Rent is being paid by IG/Executive Director (Vig.), posted in Coal India Headquarters with effect from the date of occupation of the Company's house allotted to him.

(e) Does not arise.